Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1.   (Currently amended) A method of controlling at least one production device for producing a show, comprising the steps of:

establishing a plurality of states of the at least one production device, each state corresponding to at least one operation executable by the device;

storing the states of the at least one production device as corresponding memory objects which upon execution cause the one production device to execute the at least one operation, which results in generation of a scene;

associating at least one of the memory objects with at least one displaceable actuator on a physical control panel;

responsive to selection of each memory object, physically ~~actuating~~ displacing the at least one displaceable actuator to control an operation of the at least one production device in accordance with the at least one operation associated with that state memory object so the actuator manifests a status of the production device.

2.   (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the actuating step further comprises the step of actuating a linear fader.

3.   (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the actuating step further comprises the step of actuating a switch.

4.   (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the actuating step further comprises the step of actuating a multi-axis actuator.

5.   (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the actuating step further comprises the step of actuating a plurality of actuators.

6.   (Original) The method according to claim 5 wherein the actuating step further comprises the step of actuating a plurality of actuators each associated with a separate production device.

Claims 7-14 (previously cancelled)

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17.   (Currently amended) Apparatus for controlling at least one production device for producing a television show, comprising the steps of:

        ~~means~~ a processor for establishing a plurality of states of the at least one production device, each state corresponding to at least one operation executable by the device;

        ~~means~~ a memory ~~for~~ storing the states of the at least one production device as corresponding memory objects which upon execution cause the one production device to execute the at least one operation, which results in generation of a scene;

        ~~means for~~ the processor associating at least one of the memory objects with at least one displaceable actuator on a physical control panel; and

        ~~means~~ the processor being responsive to selection of each memory object, for initiating physical displacement of the ~~physically~~ at least one displaceable actuator of the at least one production device to control an operation of the at least one production device in accordance with the at least one operation associated with that state memory object so the actuator manifests a status of the production device.

18.   (Previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 17 wherein the actuator comprises a linear fader.

19.   (Previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 17 wherein the actuator comprises a switch.

20.   (Previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 17 wherein the actuator comprises a multi-axis actuator.